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- 1. LOCAL PRESS ANNOUNCED AUGUST 25 THAT COMMANDER OF THE CARABINIERI LEGION IN WESTERN SICILY, COL. SALVATORE ROVELLI, HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO BRIGADIER GENERAL AND ASSIGNED TO COMMAND THE VII CARABINIERI BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERED IN NAPLES, WITH JURISDICTION OVER COMPANIA, "LUCANIA" AND CALABRIA.
- 2. AFTER ARMY SERVICE IN THE BALKANS, ROVELLI ENTERED THE CARABINIERI IN 1942 AND HAS SERVED PREVIOUSLY IN MILAN, NAPLES, TURIN, AND CAGLIARI. ROVELLI TOOK COMMAND OF THE PALERMO LEGION IN OCTOBER 1973 REPLACING GEN. DALLA CHIESA.
- 3. WITH EXPERIENCE IN WESTERN SICILY AND SARDINIA, ROVELLI IS WELL-QUALIFIED FOR A COMMAND WHICH INCLUDES CRIME-AFFLICTED CALABRIA. WIDELY-RESPECTED IN PALERMO, ROVELLI IS AN INTELLIGENT AND AFFABLE GENTLEMAN AND A SOLID FRIEND OF THE U.S.
- 4. ROVELLI WILL BE REPLACED BY COL. MARIO SATERIALE, WHO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SERVED IN PALERMO UNTIL HIS SEPTEMBER 1976 TRANSFER TO CAGLIARI. THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CARABINIERI COMMANDER IN SICILY BRIG. GEN. SIRACUSANO (REFTEL) BY BRIG. GEN, CARLO CASARICO, AND REPLACEMENT BY COL. ANTONIO VISCONTI OF THE SENIOR CARABINIERI OFFICER IN EASTERN SICILY, WHO SHOT HIMSELF, CONSTITUTES AN ALMOST ACCIDENTAL ROTATION OF ALL OF THE ISLAND'S SENIOR CARABINIERI OFFICERS IN LESS THAN ONE WEEK.

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